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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: MEETING OF CORE GROUP

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1. SUMMARY. COM'S OF CORE GROUP REPRESENTED IN CAMEROON MET ON INVITATION OF US CONVENER AND REACHED CONSENSUS THAT AMBASSADOR SPIRO SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT AHIDJO TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON KOREAN ISSUE ON BEHALF OF OTHER MEMBERS. END SUMMARY.

2. MEETING AT US EMBASSY TOOK PLACE JULY 27 AND WAS ATTENDED BY ROK AMBASSADOR YOON, CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CHATILLON, FRG CHARGE VON MOLTKE, NETHERLANDS CHARGE VAN BRAAKENBURG, AND BELGIAN CHARGE WYBO. BRITISH CHARGE GORDON COULD NOT ATTEND DUE TO OPENING OF CONDOLENCES BOOK FOR HM AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND, BUT WILL BE INFORMED OF RESULTS.

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3. INSTRUCTIONS OF PARTICIPANTS VARIED. CANADIAN WAS TO LET

CONVENER (US MAKE REPRESENTATIONS, BECAUSE DUPLICATION BY OTHERS UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE MUCH. WANTS TO SEE KOREAN PORTION OF AIDE-

MEMOIRE BEFORE IT IS LEFT WITH GURC. DUE TO REF C WE WERE UNABLE TO FURNISH HIM WITH COPY, BUT WILL SHOW KOREAN SECTION TO ALL CORE MEMBERS AS SOON AS FRENCH VERSION IS RECEIVED. DUTCH HAD MOST RECENT INSTRUCTIONS, BUT EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT US HAD REPLACED ROK AS CONVENER IN CAMEROON (REF A). IS WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS AND MIGHT MAKE EFFORT TO CALL ON GURC OFFICIALS APPROPRIATE TO CHARGE'S LEVEL, E.G. SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY EBOUA. GERMAN HAD INSTRUCTIONS DATED APRIL 1976 AND WENT ALONG WITH CONSENSUS. BELGIAN HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS. KOREAN IS AWAITING WORD FROM GURC PROTOCOL ABOUT PRESIDENT AHIDJO'S RETURN FROM FRANCE IN ORDER TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR SPECIAL ROK PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY. AHIDJO EXPECTED BACK WITHIN WEEK. FONMIN KEUTCHA WILL NOT REPEAT NOT RETURN TO YAOUNDE FROM PARIS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO COLOMBO.

4. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR SHOULD MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF CORE GROUP MEMBERS REPRESENTED IN CAMEROON TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO IF LATTER RETURNS TO YAOUNDE IN TIME, AS CURRENTLY EXPECTED. IF AHIDJO DOES NOT RETURN IN TIME, WE SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY EBOUA, WHOM AMBASSADOR PLANS TO SEE ON ANOTHER MATTER (REF C) BETWEEN AUGUST 9 AND 12.

5. THERE WAS SLIGHT CONCERN THAT PUERTO RICAN COMPONENT OF US DEMARCHE AND AIDE-MEMOIRE MIGHT DILUTE IMPACT OF CORE GROUP'S KOREAN REPRESENTATION BY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. HOWEVER, SINCE EMBASSY, AND ALSO GOVERNOR SCRANTON ON JUNE 28, HAVE ALREADY COVERED PUERTO RICO WITH PRESIDENT, FONMIN, AND OTHERS DURING LAST FEW MONTHS, AND SINCE WE HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTIVELY RESPONSIVE TO FONMIN'S REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PR ISSUE, ON WHICH GURC SEEMS SYMPATHETIC, AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO CONCENTRATE ON KOREA DURING CALL ON PRESIDENT.

6. ABSENCE OF FONMIN KEUTCHA PRESENTS GOOD EXCUSE. IF ONE IS NEEDED, FOR BY-PASSING FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THIS ONE, WHERE DECISION WILL BE MADE BY AHIDJO, AS LAST YEAR, WHEN CAMEROON FOR FIRST TIME SUPPORTED NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION. WE ARE NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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HOPEFUL OF GETTING AHIDJO TO REVERSE THAT POSITION SINCE, AS HE TOLD GOVERNOR SCRANTON, THIS WOULD BECOME A "QUESTION OF DIGNITY". BUT WE WILL TRY HARD.

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